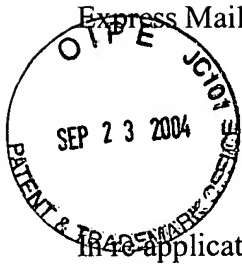


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 28, 2004, in the above-identified patent application be extended for two-month until September 28, 2004.

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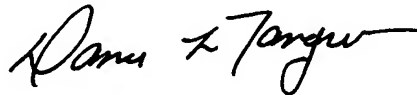
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 23 day of September 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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